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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING CONFIGURATION  
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**This application is a Continuation-in-Part of prior application serial number  
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